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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HARARI ET AL.

Examiner

Kim Huynh

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 50-55 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 50-55 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6 sheets.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The preliminary amendment is entered. Claims 50-55 are pending.
1. Applicant is reminded to update the Cross Reference to Related Application with appropriate US Patent and/or Application Numbers.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 50 and 52-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Struger et al. (US 4,882,7020, submitted in PTO-1449). Struger discloses a host having a controller 10 having at least two receptacles for accepting first circuit card (I/O expansion module 20) and second circuit cards (I/O module 13) wherein the first circuit card (I/O expansion module 20) having connectors for accepting additional I/O modules (see Fig. 2 and 4) and controller 50-51 for controlling the additional I/O module connected thereto. Struger does not disclose the I/O device being non-volatile memory. However, it is well known in the art that devices such as storage media, floppy disk drive, tape drive, mass storage units and memory cards are implemented as I/O device in order to expand the functionality of the computer. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to utilize storage devices in the memory in order provide

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large memory capacities to satisfy the increasing demand of memory in computer technology.

4. Claims 51 and 55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Struger in view of Moore (US 5,682,548).

Struger discloses all the limitation of claim 50 and 53 as discussed above except the expansion card is PCMCIA. Moore discloses that the implementation of PCMCIA peripheral devices had allowed computer to migrate into palmtop and laptop models (background). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to utilize PCMCIA technology in the I/O devices of Struger in order to allow the migration of desktop to palmtop or laptop model computer as taught by Moore to keep up with the current trend of technology.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kim Huynh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4147.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Huynh', is written over the printed name and title.

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